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Former NASA Security Guard Sentenced

On June 8, 2000, Michael N. Dennis, a former security guard employed by Sectek, Inc., a NASA contractor at the Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH, on one count of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, theft of government property. Dennis must serve 6 months of home detention and 2 years of supervised release. He was ordered to pay restitution of \$844.80, a special assessment fee of \$150 and the cost of his home detention electronic monitor.

During the course of investigation, the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG), with the assistance of the Cleveland Police Department, executed three search warrants, which resulted in the recovery of NASA property valued at approximately \$23,000. Prior to the recovery of the computers, NASA incurred additional expenses of approximately \$44,000 for labor hours and materials needed to recover data from other sources. Dennis was indicted January 10, 2000 on two counts of theft, and pled guilty on March 21, 2000.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA OIG, Office of Criminal Investigations. Prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney, Gary D. Arbezniak, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH, (216) 622-3600.

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